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In re application of: **Francois BLAUDIN DE THE et al.**
Serial No.: 10/583,626
Filed: April 10, 2007
For: **FUEL ROD FOR A NUCLEAR REACTOR**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Final Office Action (11 pgs)** in the above-identified application.


- ☒ Also transmitted herewith are:
- ☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 10, 2008 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.